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CONSTRUCTION WORK IN FOREST TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any construction work in forest/tribal areas is being carried out;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether instructions have been issued by the Government regarding facilities to tribals and other forest dwellers; in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (d) With a view to ensuring development of tribals and forest dwellers by providing basic and essential developmental facilities and sense of security without compromising on environmental considerations, the Central Government, on 03.01.2005, granted general approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to all the State/Union Territory Governments for diversion of forest land to the Government Departments subject to certain conditions for schools, dispensary/hospitals, electric and telecommunication lines, drinking water, water/rain-water harvesting structures, minor irrigation canals, non-conventional sources of energy, skill up-gradation/vocational training centres, power sub-stations, communication posts, and police establishments like police stations/ outposts/border outposts /watch towers.